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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 9, 2003, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which information is cited and discussed in the European Search Report issued in connection with counterpart European Application No. 03 01 9696. A copy of the European Search Report is being submitted herewith. The Examiner is invited to review the European Search Report to inspect the relevance indicated during European examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

EP 1 260 973;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,383,595;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,912,104;

U.S. Patent No. 5,498,507;

EP 1 143 432;

U.S. Patent No. 4,460,636;

U.S. Patent No. 6,096,399;

U.S. Patent No. 5,569,517; and

Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 014, No. 424 (M-1024), September 12, 1990,

accompanied by family member JP 02-167790.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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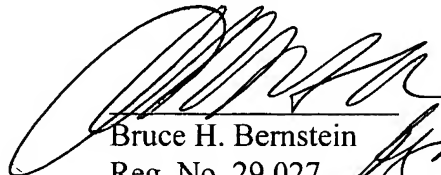
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Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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